Sir

London 26 Augt: 1788

We hope you will excuse the Liberty we take of addressing ourselves to you, but having a Ship called the Emilia of about 270 Tons Measurement, Copper bottomed, a good Ship & fast Sailer, to depart in about a Week for the Southern Whale Fishery round Cape Horn, navigated by 22 Men & Boys, we are induced to trouble you, thinking your Ability & Inclination will lead you to give us such Information, as may be of great Service to us. Probably we may bring ourselves to your Recollection by mentioning that we had the Honor of the Late Dr. Solanders Acquaintance, & that we are considerable Adventurers in the Whale Fisheries. What we would particularly wish to know, is, whether you can inform us if Juan Fernandez is settled? if settled, whether there would be any Risk of our Ship being seized, if she should go to that Place through Distress, or to refresh the Crew in case of Scurvy? or, if there are any other Places where she might derive Benefit without these Risks? We shall also be much obliged by your informing us, if you know, whether there are any Spermaceti

Whales round the Cape & where they are to be met wi[th]
Whether if our Captains met any Spanish Ships & put an[y]
Letters on board under Cover to any Spanish House, t[he]
Letters would be likely to come safe to our Hands? &
if there are any good Charts to be had, where is the be[st]
Place to obtain them? To these Queries probably you
may be able to add other Matters of Information whi[ch]
may be of great Use to us to know & for which w[e]
shall consider ourselves greatly obliged. We have some
Ships also going nearly about the same Time to o[ne]
of the Bays on the Coast of Africa near the Cap[e]
on the Fishery: if they can be of any Service in
procuring any thing for you from thence we shal[l]
be happy in the Opportunity of complying with
your Wishes. We are your

Obedt. Servts.

Saml. Enderby & Son[s]

Sir Josh. Banks Bar:

No. 10 234

Coleman Street
Feby. 16th. 1793

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Sir

Captain William Folger of the Ship Hero South Whaler from the Coast of Peru, informs me that he has on board the Hero 1 Cask & 1 Box of the Cochineal Plants with some of the Insects alive on them though he is fearfull that many are killd by the Villainy of one of his Crew in throwing Salt Water on them. he receivd them from Dr. Gillan at Rio Janeiro the 12th. Decemr. 1792 for you: he has likewise 1 Box for you which he receivd from Sr. Geo: Staunton, he supposes it contains Drawings — We expect the Hero will be at her Moorings this Evening or tomorrow Morning, she will lay off the Red House Deptford. The Lion and Hindostan were to sail from Rio Janeiro about the 17th. Decr. I remain

your most Obedt. Hble. Servt.
Saml. Enderby Junr.